

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2026

Welcome

“Jesus is Risen !”

Gathering Music

*“Stay With Us through
the Night”
(VU # 182)*



Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again:

Rejoice!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Announcement

Bible Study



Christian Living

**All are
welcome !
Thursday
October 16
@ 7:00 pm
By Zoom**

**Each session is a complete unit,
so you can join anytime.**

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday, Happy Birthday

We Love You

Happy Birthday and may all your dreams come true

When you blow out your candles,

One remains aglow

Its the love-light in your eyes

Where e'er you go

(Repeat)





Light the Christ Candle

By telephone, by email, by text, by note, we send an invitation.

Upon their arrival, we direct our guests to the meal or activity.

When we light the Christ Candle, we declare that it is the Light that cannot be extinguished, the fullness of Grace that lights our life of faith.

**This morning, we light this Christ Candle as an invitation to respond to Jesus' call to "Come follow me," and welcome his direction for our lives.
Amen.**



Prelude

“Christ Arose”

Call to Worship

Open wide the way to renewed life that all may enter and give thanks to God. Our prayers have been answered, and God has become our Salvation.
Christ has risen ! Christ has risen indeed ! Alleluia !

**This is Love's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.
This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice
and be glad in it.**

Christ has risen !

Christ has risen indeed !

Alleluia !

Opening Prayer

God of life, thank you for the night: for those who kept watch through its long hours; for the gift of sleep, and the refreshment of dreams; for your faithful presence that keeps us company when we are not aware of you. Thank you, God of life !

(A balloon is placed in the vase.)

God of life, thank you for this new day: for the song of birds, the early morning bustle of our streets, and the brightening sky; for this day of all days when we celebrate the Risen Christ. Thank you, God of life !

(A balloon is placed in the vase.)

God of life, thank you for the message of Easter:
for the affirmation of your steadfast love; for the
presence of the One who overcame Death; for the
promise of life still to be revealed.

Thank you, God of life !

(A balloon is placed in the vase.)



He is not here, he has **RISEN** *Mark 16:6*

Hymn VU # 155

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen today, hallelujah !
our triumphant holy day, hallelujah !
who did once, upon the Cross, hallelujah !
suffer to redeem our loss. Hallelujah !



2 Hymns of praise then let us sing hallelujah !
unto Christ, our heavenly King, hallelujah !
who endured the Cross and grave, hallelujah !
sinners to redeem and save. Hallelujah !

3 But the pains which he endured, hallelujah !
our salvation have procured; hallelujah !
now above the sky he's King, hallelujah !
where the angels ever sing. Hallelujah !

4 Sing we to our God above, hallelujah !
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah !
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah !
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah !

Prayer of Confession

God of life, Creation shouts your presence, but we do not always know where to find you.

(A balloon is to fall to the ground. Short time of silence.)

God of life, your Spirit is in all who love and do good, but we do not always recognise you.

(A balloon is to fall to the ground. Short time of silence.)

God of life, your promises give us hope and confidence, but we do not always understand or believe.

(A balloon is to fall to the ground. Short time of silence.)

Words of Assurance

The God of love does not give us over to Death but offers us Life; the Spirit of Jesus gives us a song of joy to sing.

**We are witnesses to the life of the risen Christ !
Alleluia !**



Easter Prayer

God of Resurrection, we gather today at your table with these prayers — in the war zones around the world, bring peace, where there is violence, comfort, where there is grief, courage where hope feels lost.

In places of hunger and need, provide daily bread and the will to share it.

In communities divided by fear and injustice, plant seeds of reconciliation and healing.

For those who mourn, wrap them in your promise that death is not the end.

For those who feel buried by despair, roll away the stone and let new life rise within them.

Renew your Church, O God, that we may be bearers of resurrection, people of compassion, justice, and unshakable hope.

As Christ is risen, may we rise with him into lives of love and service, proclaiming light in every shadowed place. We pray all this in the name of the Risen One, who lives and reigns with you, now and forever. **Amen**



1

I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the Sun,
and I came from Heaven and I danced on the Earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Refrain

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**



2 I danced for the Scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not
follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and
John;
they came with me and the dance went on.

Refrain

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the
lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they
hung me high,
and left me there on a Cross to die.

Refrain

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned
black;
it's hard to dance with the Devil on your
back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd
gone,
but I am the Dance and I still go on.

Refrain

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**

5 They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Refrain

**Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.**



The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Led by Wendy & Rev. Yun-Hee



Communion Prayer *“Can These Bones Live ?”*

Come into and see this valley, This valley of dry bones.

For in this place is the Shadow of Death, A history of violence and oppression. Not unlike today, And not unlike yesterday, and the day before, And the days long before that.

For the Spectre of Death is always lurking around the corner.

The shadows of emptiness and waste loom large.

And so they did for Jesus who was placed in the valley of the dry bones

A place where life was scarce because of injustice.

A place that was so dry nothing could live in its midst.

A place whose future would only be determined by empire.

An empire that lived only for itself.

An empire that sucked the life out of those it considered unimportant.

And so, into this valley of the dry bones, came Jesus,
Bringing life, offering nurture, living in the
replenishment, The plenty that was the gift of the
Creator.

And he was asked the question:

Can these bones live ?

And he saw in them life, hope, richness...

And he prophesied to them and said, "I have come
that you may have abundant life".

The luxury of being in the presence of the Divine.

The deep texture of being embraced by the Holy.

But there were those who didn't want the bones to
live.

**There were those who wanted to keep the parched
places just as they were
For the bones were signs of subjugation, power,
defeat.**

Yet Jesus had prophesied to the bones.

**And said, “Yes ! These bones can live.
So when those spectres of brutality and raw power
started to surround him...**



He shared a meal, He celebrated life.

**He said, “Take and eat, this is my Body.
Take and drink, this is my Blood.**

So He shared the Cup and the Bread
in the midst of the valley of the dry bones
And so those spectres of power broke his bones.

By nailing him to a Cross.

And then they tried to bury those bones.
And crush them behind a stone.

But the Divine would honour the prophesy

That the bones would live

And the bones did live.

They were brought together again

Renewed, rejuvenated, resurrected. So the bones did live.

And the bones will live

When we share with them the prophesy of Holy love for
all people,

Can these bones live ?

They are alive !

Will these bones live ?

We are alive ! We no longer live in the midst of the dry bones.

We live surrounded by the abundance of Creation

The energy that is life

The energy that is life eternal.

The energy that is healing power.

We share the Bread and Wine

The bread of life.

The cup of blessings.

The Lord's Prayer VU # 960

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.



**Time with the Young
People**

By Derek

Children Song

“This is the Day”

Musical Offering VU # 540

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully

Offering Prayer

What can we offer you, God of life, to thank you for all you have done ? We open our hearts and lift up our voices in praise as we rejoice in you today. May these gifts that we bring and the lives that we live be witnesses to your love shown in Jesus. Amen.

(The children may now proceed with their guardians to have sharing time.)



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him !" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen.

Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed.

(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realise that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news:

"I have seen the Lord !"

And she told them that he had said these things to her.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

We give thanks for inspiration.



An Easter Monologue

"I Knew Him. He Knew Me" by Diane

Choir Anthem

“I Am the Bread of Life”





Message

"I Knew Him. He Knew Me" by Rev. Yun-Hee

**Refrain Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah !
Give praise to God's name.**

**1 Jesus is Lord of all the Earth,
firstborn of all Creation. *R***

**2 Spread the good news o'er all the Earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. *R***

Refrain **Hallelujah, hallelujah.**
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah !
Give praise to God's name.

3 We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live for ever. **R**

4 Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. **R**

Blessing

Beyond death is abundant life. We will live it.

Beyond the shadows of hatred and isolation is the light that draws us into community.

We will follow it.

Beyond the stone covered tomb is a dance called Resurrection. We will move with it. Christ is risen !

Christ is risen indeed ! Alleluia !

Live in the resurrected Spirit of Christ. **Amen.**



Commissioning

“Go Now in Peace”

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of
every day.*

*Go now in faith, steadfast strong and
true.*

*Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world
can see.*

*God will be there within, around,
above.*

*Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, amen, amen.*

**God, we thank you for being
with us.**

**Thank you Congregation for
worshipping today
in person and by Zoom !**

**Special Thank you to the
participants !**

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